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Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced that Eric Thomas Terry, 39, of Alton, Illinois, was sentenced on November 21, 2005, in federal court to 22 months' imprisonment and a \$300 fine after pleading guilty on May 5, 2005, to four counts of Possession of a Machinegun, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 921(o). In a Factual Stipulation filed with the court, Terry admitted to manufacturing two of the machineguns.

Ten other Defendants were charged in March, 2005, with similar crimes in related cases. All of the other defendants have been previously sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 8 months to 63 months.

The maximum sentences that can be imposed for each count to which each defendant has pled guilty are 10 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 years' supervised release.

The cases were investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen B. Clark.